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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004 finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-23, 25-32, and 34-49, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: